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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S FRENCH VISIT

REFS: PARIS 8535, BERLIN 603

1. ALL MAJOR WEST BERLIN DAILIES REPORT PRESIDENT'S RESOLVE TO EXTEND PARIS STAY 24 HOURS TO DISCUSS US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS WITH OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. PAPERS SAID NIXON MET WITH POHER, BRANDT, WILSON, HARTLING AND LEONE SATURDAY AND WILL CONFER WITH PODGORNÝ SUNDAY. THEY ALSO MENTIONED BRIEF EXCHANGE OF REMARKS BETWEEN NIXON AND PODGORNÝ ON LEAVING NOTRE DAME. PICTURES OF NOTRE DAME SERVICE SHOWING PRESIDENT IN FRONT ROW CARRIED PROMINENTLY.

2. BERLINER MORGENPOST SAID EDITORIALY THAT ONCE AGAIN DEATH HAS BROUGHT THE POWERFUL MEN OF THE WORLD TOGETHER FOR A FEW HOURS AND WONDERED QUOTE WHY CANNOT THE HOUR OF NOTRE DAME, IN WHICH THE POWER OF DEATH FOR A BRIEF MOMENT ASKED FOR PEACE, UNDERSTANDING AND FRATERNITY, BECOME THE HOUR OF MANKIND? UNQUOTE. EDITORIAL CONTINUED: HISTORY AND FATE BECAME EVIDENT IN NOTRE DAME.....THE MIGHTY MEN OF THIS EARTH, BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR A MOMENT OF HISTORY BY THE POWER OF DEATH.....WILL PART AGAIN. SOME OF THOSE WHO SHOWED A PIOUS FACE IN NOTRE DAME WILL CONTINUE UNMOVED TO SEE TO IT THAT WAR ON

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THIS PLANET WILL NOT DIE. ARMING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD WIL

CONTINUE. POMPIDOU'S DEATH DOES NOT END EUROPEAN DISCORD, NOR THE
ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE OLD CONTINENT AND THE USA, NOR THE
DISINTEGRATION OF NATO, NOR THE GROWING MILITARY SUPERIORITY OF THE
EAST BLOC, NOR THE BRUTAL POVERTY INCREASING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH.
END QUOTES.

3. EAST BERLIN PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO NOTRE DAME SERVICE,
MENTIONING STATESMEN FROM USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
AND SIMPLY LISTING NAMES OF WESTERN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED. NO
COMMENTARIES APPEARED AND NO MENTION WAS MADE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN
WEATERN STATESMEN.

4. WEST BERLIN TV HAS PROVIDED NEWS COVERAGE BUT NO COMMENTARY SO
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